

Piping Plover Color Band Flag Key



Upper Left (UL)

Upper Right (UR)

Lower Left (LL)

Lower Right (LR)

Photo: Sidney Maddock

This band combination would be recorded as: metal (UL), dark blue (LL), black flag (UR), red over black (LR)

See USFWS guide for recording and reporting band combos (http://www.fws.gov/charleston/Piping_Plover.html).

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Complete band combinations should be recorded from left to right starting with the upper left (UL) and ending with the lower right (LR) in order to identify an individual from one of the three breeding populations. Band combinations indicate who banded the bird and where it was banded.

Flag color: breeding pop and/or where bird was banded

Orange flag: Great Lakes US

Black flag: Northern Great Plains (NGP) Canada, Saskatchewan

Green flag: NGP US, MO River (Gavins Point Reach or Lewis and Clark Lake)

Light blue flag: NGP US, Lower or Central Platte River

Yellow flag: NGP US, Lake Sakakawea or MO River (Garrison Reach)

Red flag: NGP US, Lake Sakakawea (banded on breeding grounds) or TX (banded on wintering grounds, breeding pops TBD)

Black flag on upper leg and single white band on lower leg: Bahamas (banded on wintering grounds, breeds in Atlantic US or Canada)

Green flag on upper leg and yellow band above another color band on lower leg: MS, AL, FL, GA, or SC (banded on wintering grounds, breeding pops TBD)

Green flag on upper leg and dark blue band above another color band on lower leg: TX or LA (banded on wintering grounds, breeding pops TBD)